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KAUAI AND THE N. E. A.

We have been fortunate enough to have received a letter from George Raymond, president of the Kauai Teachers Association, which we believe is of too much importance to be placed in the "Letters From the People" column. The letter is self-explanatory and we believe covers the subject fully:

Kapaa School, Kealia, Kauai, T. H.
May 31, 1922

Editor, Garden Island:—May I have space in your paper to report on a public matter pertaining to local membership in the National Education Association?

It was planned by our Hawaii Education Association, to send one delegate from each of the islands of Kauai, Maui and Hawaii, and two delegates from Oahu, to the national convention of teachers in Boston and later have these teachers visit Washington in the interest of public affairs of Hawaii. In addition to each island delegate there was to be also, a delegate at large to represent all the islands. The island to have the privilege of sending this delegate at large would be the one with the highest percentage of members in the National Education Association according to public school teachers employed. The territorial executive committee decided that the membership lists should close on May 10th and that the number of school teachers on each island be that carried on the pay roll as of April 30th.

It should be mentioned too, that the membership in the N. E. A. is allowed to persons teaching in private schools, clergymen, and other persons in closely allied occupations. It would, therefore, be possible to have more than 100 per cent membership should all teachers and others join when only the number of public school teachers is used as a base for computation. For example, Kauai, now has 194 members in the N. E. A. with 187 public school teachers.

The final results for the islands are as follows: Oahu and Hawaii less than 100 per cent; Kauai 103.74; Maui 104.24.

Let me take the opportunity to commend publicly the officers and the members of the local teachers' association for their puissant efforts in placing Kauai in its present position with N. E. A. members. To know and realize that practically all public school teachers are supporters of an organization as great and influential for professional betterment as is the N. E. A. is something for which the people of Kauai may well be proud. The united action of local educators, at this time, to seek recognition for Hawaii in federal aid and support in public affairs Hawaiian, particularly education, may bring results beyond the expectations of the now many optimists. Anyhow, will it not be worth while for these delegates to present some of Hawaii's civic affairs as public school teachers, at the national capital? At best it is well to remember that an organized attempt has been made by others than the usual emissaries to carry Hawaiian problems to continental United States and to the seat of our national government.

Kauai teachers, by one-half of one percent, will not have the honor of sending to the states the delegate at large, but be it said: Kauai teachers are co-operating as members in America's most powerful education association. The zeal which local teachers have, at this time, displayed for the interest of public education in the territory cannot but be admired. The membership in the N. E. A. indicates that persons on this island have quietly and completely organized for public benefits of concern to our territory. Above all is the opportunity which they have taken of having some part with the organized teachers of the United States in carrying forward a program for the advancement of the teaching profession and the promotion thru education of the highest welfare of the nation.

Yours very respectfully,

GEO. S. RAYMOND,

President, Kauai Teachers' Association.

It has also been the experience of a good many people that the wages of sin never skip a pay day.

If Jack Dempsey wants to do something really worth while let him bring Grover Bergdoll back with him when he comes from Germany back to his native land.

We've always noticed that the man who is too lazy to dig up an onion bed will spade up a whole acre looking for fishing worms.

Horses may go out of style in some sections, but there'll always be asses driving automobiles.

THE AUTOMOBILE ORDINANCE

The board of supervisors have been working for some time preparing an ordinance for the regulation of motor vehicle traffic on this island.

It is to be hoped that it will be completed and ready for enforcement without undue delay. If there is any place on earth that is in need of such an ordinance it is Kauai.

One of the worst offenses is that of glaring headlights and the operation of cars with only one light. This is a matter that should receive the immediate attention of the police department as soon as the ordinances become a law.

Another matter that needs the attention of the authorities and the automobile club is the summary handling of that pest known as the "road hog," who takes the center of the highway and forces everybody he meets into the gutter. This offense is becoming more flagrant all the time. The automobile club can do good work along this line if its members will take the number of these offenders and immediately report them to the police.

THE OLD, OLD STORY

About every six months or so a peculiar feeling comes over us and we realize that we are about due to write another editorial on the stray horses and cattle on the government roads.

Not that they are any worse now than they ever have been—it hardly is possible that they could get worse. Kapaa and the Kalaheo districts are the worst offenders just at present.

Just why anyone should turn their cattle and horses on the public road to graze is beyond our ken. We have heard that one reason why the police take very little action is because the ordinance covering this is faulty and they are unable to secure convictions.

If this is the case, then the fault lies with the supervisors and the fault should be corrected at once, and not wait until some tragedy will cause public opinion to force them to act.

If this is not the case, then the fault lies with the police, and it should not be very difficult to force anyone to perform a duty that he has taken the oath to do. In the meantime the cattle and horses graze on the roads.

One suggestion has been sent in, that the county charge the owners of these animals pasture and the income thus received might help reduce taxes a bit.

About the only time we don't care if the world does go to the dogs is when we meet a fellow with a lot of perfume on his clothes.

It begins to look as though about the only time the Ku-Klux-Klan gets to wear its uniform any more is when it attends a funeral of one of its members.

We have also noticed that the courts of this country seem to be in pretty good repute with people who behave themselves.

Most of us would feel better about the war in China if we knew what it was about.

The early bird gets the worm, all right; and also the garden seed.



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